* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, from the statement that the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education is only suspended, am I to understand that it is not dropped? "

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, 'Suspend' in the sense that some of its features may be adopted by the expert committee, and we may accept them. In that sense I said 'suspended'. I also said that immediately the other scheme was coming into effect."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, how much is this new expert committee going to cost us? We had a committee before. That committee cost us something."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The other committee cost us Rs. 2,500. I do not know how much this committee would cost us. I have not yet thought about it."

III.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following Message, dated the 18th May 1954, from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

' *The Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1954).*

In accordance with rule 116 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the motion passed today by the Madras Legislative Assembly, desiring to obtain the concurrence of the Council in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses to consider the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1954).

That the concurrence of the Legislative Council be obtained for setting up a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses consisting of 23 members (15 members of the Assembly and 8 members of the Council) to consider the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954, and that the following members of this House be selected to serve on such a Joint Select Committee. (List of names to be furnished after the concurrence of the Council obtained) ' ".

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKINGS (ACQUISITION) BILL, 1954 (L.A. BILL NO. 23 OF 1954)—*cont.*

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" We will now take up the clause by clause consideration of the Bill. There are no amendments to clauses 2 to 6. I shall now put them to the vote of the House."

Clauses 2 to 6 were put and carried.

Clause 7.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The motion is—

' That clause 7 do stand part of the Bill.' "